

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1896.

IS OUR POLITICS A FAILURE?

Prof. F. W. Blackmar of the chair of history and sociology, University of Kansas, in the Forum, June, 1896, asks the question: Have promises of Democracy been fulfilled? His answer between the lines is more than a negative, he says in fact there is more than a suspicion abroad that, while men have prophesied that ours would prove a perfect form of government, we have been living upon sentiment and seeing visions, and as the scales fall from their eyes they observe that this nation is not saved from the grinding poverty, the excessive selfishness, the despotism and corruption of the old world.

Prof. Blackmar shows that self government means something more than going to the polls to vote or attending a primary. He says it means eternal vigilance; it means daily watchfulness of men and measures. The promise that the people would take an interest in their own government if it were placed in their own hands has not been kept. He is astonished at the apathy and indifference of the voters who even fail to go to the ballot-box. Many seem to think that self-government is a kind of perpetual motion machine, that it will run itself, it being only necessary to start it once a year or once in two years and that it will run on in the meantime without any further attention. But people in some of the states and in some of the larger cities are beginning to find that to make social life tolerable and existence possible and to avoid a state of anarchy there must be a combined and constant activity of the best citizens and an education and uplifting of the masses of citizens to a higher conception of the duties of a common citizenship.

Blackmar shows that an insatiable thirst for office has sprung up in recent years. The country from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Alaska to Florida is infested by a greedy band of office-holders, growing in numbers and settling down on the land like the locusts in Egypt, to devour the products of the toil of others in the name of party loyalty and service to the state.

The reluctance with which men were drawn from their private business to the service of the state in the earlier years of the century, has given way to an hundred hungry aspirants pushing, crowding, fighting for every place in the gift of the people. The man who merely goes to the polls and votes a straight ticket is next seen standing in line for his turn at the public crib, and most of those who succeed in getting an office, have neither the courtesy nor the good will to retire, until forcibly ejected. This is the dark picture Prof. Blackmar paints, and well does he describe it as Democracy run mad.

What is Prof. Blackmar's remedy? He admits that the government has been alienated from the people, and that it has gone into the hands of demagogues and office-seekers. In concluding his article, he says there is a way to again bring our government into vital touch with the people. What is his way? He says the way begins with increased popular interest in the caucus, the primary, the election, "and the service throughout their term of the officers chosen." In no other way can the voice of the people be heard. "The safety and reform of all government rests in the power of local units." He attributes the evil condition of affairs to the carelessness of the voter and the selfishness of the office-holder.

The promises of Democracy have not been fulfilled, as Prof. Blackmar involuntarily admits. He does not state a remedy in which his heart has any hope. Closer attention to the caucus has been recommended for the past twenty years. It is not a remedy. It is asking the unskilled voter to enter a contest once in one or two years with the skilled politician, who hopes to make his living in the interim, by his activity at the caucus, the primary, the convention. This professor

is on the right track. He is probably in advance of most men, who fill chairs of political economy and sociology in American colleges. They teach beautiful theories to the rising generation of citizens. When asked what is the remedy for the multiplicity of evils springing up on every hand, they tell the voter he must play his cards better in a game with experts, where he is sure to be beaten. The college professor, like the judge on the bench, has in too many instances, won his position by a lucky play of the cards, at the same game he invites the voter to take a hand in playing. It is plain to be seen the people cannot wait for reforms, to proceed from the ruling of educated classes, who are holding offices, though there be here or there men among them who have an insight into the terrible decline of American politics.

What is the remedy? The school of politics must be established among the people themselves. The restoration of the government of our country to the hands of the people, where it belongs, must be brought about by the people themselves. The return into their own hands of the wealth, the lands, the privileges of this nation, which have been wrested from them by the present unjust system, can only be accomplished by the application of the representative principle in its original form, where the representative and public servant becomes the absolute reflection of the expressed will of the majority and nothing else.

The man who failed in this respect among our Anglo-Saxon forefathers, when they established parliamentary government in England, was received on the points of their spears, when he returned to them with broken or unexecuted pledges.

BASE BALL TOURNAMENT.

To Be Given by S. F. Examiner for Pacific Coast Boys.

The San Francisco Examiner is preparing for a baseball tournament to be held during vacation. A handsome \$100 silver cup and a \$50 pennant will be presented the winning team. Mr. Jos. Leveque, a practical base ballist of this city, and Chas. Riely are canvassing the city for the purpose of ascertaining how strong a team could be formed at Salem. The Albany colts have entered the tournament and certainly Salem, the capital of the state, should be represented by at least one team. The following is clipped from Saturday's Examiner which is self-explanatory:

Letters are still coming to hand from anxious managers who want to know how much it will cost their clubs to enter the big tournament and who will pay the expenses of traveling from town to town in the meets between clubs. Again the answer is repeated: It doesn't cost a cent to enter the tournament, and no club will be called on to pay any traveling expenses. Remember though, only the very best clubs will be called on to do any traveling, and "The Examiner" will look after their expenses. All the competing clubs have to do now is to file their entries and get down to practice. Team work is what they need to perfect themselves in. All the entries must be in by June 15th, midnight. Then the schedule games will be made out. Somewhere between June 17th and June 21st the clubs will be called on to begin playing off the games. Due notice will be given in The Examiner of the time and place to play. The clubs in one town will bat it out with one another first. In some towns there may be ten games played on the same day. For instance, over twenty clubs are already entered in San Francisco. If the schedule opened tomorrow twelve games could be played. For The Examiner will see to it that the proper grounds, scores and umpires are provided. Tacoma has twelve clubs entered, and it can easily play six games on the first day. The leaders will come to the front rapidly at that rate, and it won't take long to decide the championship. In towns where there is only one club due notice will be given that club when and where to play. Get down to practice now, for all the entered clubs are in one boat, and the notices will be sent so that they will reach the clubs on the same date.

There never was a tournament where the entries came in so quickly and with so much enthusiasm. Has your club joined yet? If its members are under eighteen years and six months of age it can join the contest. Get your club in the race, for there never was such a chance for boy baseball players to capture glory and trophies. The silver cup will cost \$100, the pennant \$50, and if your club should be champions its expenses will be paid by The Examiner while it travels about the state defeating other clubs.

[The Salem boys will do well to look out for that little word "it."]

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

What James Whitcomb Riley is to the Hoosier state, Tacitus Hussey is to Iowa. He has not gained as wide a reputation throughout the nation, yet the sweet music of his poetic genius as quickly and firmly grasps the heart of his reader, more especially if he be a native of Hawkeyedom. The volume, "The River Bend and Other Poems" is a collection of the happy verses contributed during past decades to the literature of his state by "Tac" Hussey, as he is known at home, and many a throb of pleasure will it bring to the friends who have known the author by his lines in past, as well as to those who have had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance. In keeping with the kindly and beautiful spirit of the music of this whole-souled Iowan, this volume is printed and illustrated in the most elegant letterpress, and on the whole is a most creditably production. Iowa can truly be proud of "Tac" Hussey both as a poet and printer, and if there is a native of his state in Oregon who wants a rare souvenir of his home let him send \$1 to the author at Des Moines, Iowa, (lock box 491) for this exquisite little book.

Brander Matthews, professor in Columbia college, better known as a magazine contributor, has compiled a volume introductory to the study of American literature, which has some merit. Only a chapter is devoted to colonial writers, another to Ben Franklin, and the remainder nearly all to modern writers. It is a fair text book, with a good chronological table giving dates of important events, including the production of noted books (American Book Co., New York.)

"Old Stories of the East," by James Baldwin, is another publication that could with profit be added to school literature for young readers. It embraces the leading events of the bible told in story form and devoid of the awfulness frequently presented both in text and illustrations, (American Book Co., New York.)

The "Athenaeum Press" is a literary series of great merit. It contains works of English literature from Chaucer to modern times, edited with biographical and critical notes of value. The latest addition to this valuable series is the poems of John Keats, prepared by Arlo Bates. This youthful star in the literary world will always be a favorite with lovers of poetic beauty. His life of uncertainty and his productions not voluminous, but his fame is still growing. Gunn & Co., Boston.

"Fairy Tale and Fable," by Thompson, is an ideal introduction to art and literature for young children. It is in large print, with beautiful half-tone reproductions from masterpieces of art. The stories are fresh, and of the highest moral tone, without being of the "goody-goody" order. The day when such books as this will be introduced in our schools, will mark an important epoch in educational progress. New Century Educational Co., Boston.

The June number of McClure's magazine devotes a page to the "Rhymes of Ironquill," taken from the recent fifth edition of the poems of E. T. Ware, of Topeka, Kansas. The author has evidently seen considerable of life in Kansas, and his impressions of the Jayhawk state are well portrayed in his cyclonic flights of philosophy and doggerel. He calls it a book of moods, and it is well named, yet it would be unkind to attribute the range of his moodiness to the state in which he lives. Many of our readers who have escaped from the land of droughts, tornadoes and blizzards will enjoy the pages of Ironquill for their force and freedom. He talks sense most of the time, nonsense occasionally, and with a good purpose always. (Crane & Co., Topeka, Kansas.)

A LADIES FAVORITE. The July number of the delineator, is called the summer number, and is remarkable on account of several new departures. First and foremost is the addition of four superb colored plates. Woman's opportunities are broadly considered by Mary Cadwalader Jones, while the pursuit of literature as a profession is given experienced exposition by Agnes Repplier. In addition to a paper on the furnishing and decoration of dining-rooms, by Frances Leeds there are the usual well stocked departments devoted to tea table chat, seasonal cookery, household sanitation, new books, fancy stitches and embroideries, lace making, knitting, tatting etc. With the added attractions of this great woman's magazine, its subscription price of \$1 a year is more than ever a marvel.

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STATE NEWS.

Indians are picking strawberries at Hood River.

Mrs. Maranda Cook, of Eugene, died on Saturday, at the age of 77.

There is now stored at The Dalles wool warehouse 4,000,000 pounds of wool.

The preliminary survey is being made for a railroad from Marshfield to Empire.

Jim McFarland, of Eugene, was arrested for stealing household goods from a squaw.

The work on the new wagon road from Oakland to the Bohemia mines is being pushed.

Wm. Staats, of Crook county, is in the valley buying up cattle to drive to that county for the range.

Lawrence L. Lewis, of Illinois, has been chosen as principle of the Pendleton high school at \$90 per month.

There is a report that the walls at the Cascades are beginning to give away under the pressure of the high water.

The Indians on the Umatilla reservation will celebrate in great style this year. All previous efforts will be eclipsed.

The Polk county teachers institute which meets at Monmouth June 22 and 24, will have as an attraction a lecture by Joaquin Miller, the poet.

Pendleton will celebrate with bicycle races, foot races, a barbecue, dancing, parades, a baseball game and a torchlight procession on the Fourth of July.

The Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis will begin the ceremonies of its 20th annual commencement June 16. The ceremonies will extend over a period of six days.

W. J. Metsker was arrested at Pleasant Valley yesterday and brought before Justice W. H. Bentley, for preliminary examination on the charge of mayhem says the Baker City Blade.

The teachers in the Roseburg public schools are: F. H. Hamlin, Miss Parrott, Mrs. Brown, Miss Bradley, Mrs. Hamlin, Miss Wimbley and Miss Willis, with Miss Bailey supernumerary.

The Sisters of the Society of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, of Astoria, have purchased Judge Taylor's residence. The building will be remodeled for a seminary and will be ready for occupancy about Sept. 1st.

J. P. Roberts died at Klamath Falls last Monday. He was born in Monroeville, Mich., April 7, 1826. In 1852 Mr. Roberts came to the Pacific coast, and located in Rogue-river valley, since which time he has resided continuously in Oregon.

George P. Brumfield died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. Strong, in Eugene, last Friday. Mr. Brumfield was born in West Virginia, nearly 84 years ago. He crossed the plains to California in 1852, and moved to Oregon in 1887, settling near Eugene.

D. E. Pease, a pioneer resident of this county, died at his home at Skipanon. Death resulted from enlargement of the liver. The deceased was born in Orange county, N. Y., in 1820, and crossed the plains in 1849, arriving in the fall of that year.

Condensed Testimony. Chas. B. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a Cough remedy. I. D. Brown, Prop. of St. James Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a Cough of two years standing, caused by La Grippe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. R. F. Merrill, Baldwinville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor, because it cures. Mr. Hemming, 222 E. 25th St., Chicago, always keeps it at hand and has no fear of Croup, because it instantly relieves. Free Trial Bottles at Fred A. Legg's Drug Store.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became a Woman, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Reduced Rates. Those going east should call on or address the Union Pacific City Ticket office, 135 Third Street, Portland, for rates to the following meetings: Republican National convention, St. Louis, Mo., June 16th. Democratic National Convention, Chicago, Ill., July 7th. People's Party Convention and American Silver Convention, St. Louis, Mo., July 22nd. National Convention Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, Washington D. C. July 7th to 13th. National Educational Association meeting, Buffalo, N. Y. July 3rd to 10th. Encampment Grand Army of the Republic, St. Paul, Minn., September 14th.

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ANNUAL ROSE SHOW

Of the Salem Floricultural Society for 1896.

- PREMIUM LIST.
1. Best collection of tea roses, not less than 12 varieties, \$5.
 2. Best collection of tea roses, 6 varieties, \$3.
 3. Best collection of tea roses, 2 varieties, \$1.
 4. Best collection of not less than 12 varieties of teas in bud, \$5.
 5. Best collection of 6 varieties of buds, teas, \$3.
 6. Best collection of hybrids, \$3.
 7. Best specimen of rose bush in bloom, pot grown, and introduced in 1895-'96, \$3.
 8. Best specimen of rose bush in bloom, pot grown, and introduced in '95-'96, \$1.50.
 9. Best collection of moss roses, buds, \$2.
 10. Best collection of Polyantha roses, \$1.
 11. Best collection of pink roses, not less than 5 varieties, \$2.
 12. Best collection of yellow roses, not less than 5 varieties, \$2.
 13. Best collection of red roses, not less than 5 varieties, \$2.
 14. Best display of Banksian roses, \$1.50.
 15. Best single rose of any variety, 1st \$1.25, 2nd \$1.

Special premiums will be offered for the finest display of the following named varieties of roses: Marechal Niel, Viscountess Folkestone, Papa Gontier, Catherine Mermet, Sunset, Marie Van Houtte, La France, Jacquemont, Riene Marie, Henriette Wm. Allen Richardson, Homer Baroness Rothschild, Bride, La Marque, Madame Alfred Carrier, Malmison, Madame Joseph Schwartz, Docteur Pasteur, Madame Welch, Isabella Grey, James Sprunt (bush or climbing), Perle des Jardin (bush or climbing), Niphetos (bush or climbing), 50c each.

Finest display of roses from any point in Oregon outside of Marion county, \$5.

Premiums on other flowers than roses: 1st. Finest display of pansies, \$2. 2d. Finest display of pansies, \$1.50. 1st. Finest display of sweet peas, \$1.50. 2d. Finest display of sweet peas, \$1. Largest number of varieties of native Oregon ferns in pots, \$1.50.

Best collection of wild flowers, gathered by a child under 14 years of age, each variety arranged separately, 1st, \$2.50; 2d, \$2. Collection of twenty varieties of wild flowers, with correct botanical names, \$1.

Persons not wishing to enter for premiums are invited to display their roses at the fair.

THE RULES. The rules, adopted by the society for governing the fair are as follows: 1-The superintendent shall have general charge of the rose show. 2-Judges shall be appointed by the executive committee, and all adjustments not covered by rules or published action of the executive committee shall be referred to that committee. 3-Exhibits not at the door by 1 p.m. on the first day of the show will be debared from competition. Exhibits will be received from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. 4-All flowers must be handed to the superintendent or assistants at the door, and subjected to their arrangement. 5-Receipts for premium flowers will be furnished by the superintendent, but flowers for display may be arranged by the owner. 6-All flowers entered for premiums must be distinctly named. If incorrectly named they will be excluded from premiums. 7-Names of flowers cannot be changed after they are entered. 8-No inferior plant or flower to receive a premium. 9-No entry of any variety in col-

lection of named roses shall consist of less than three specimens, at least one to be full blown.

10-All plants must be owned by the exhibitors and have been in their possession at least three months before the show, and all cut flowers must be grown by the exhibitors.

11-Plants and flowers cannot be removed until the close of the exhibition except by permission of the superintendent.

12-No flower shall be entered for more than one premium.

13-All flowers must be labeled with name before entering.

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State Treasurer's Sixteenth Notice.

STATE OF OREGON, Treasury Dept., SALEM, May 28, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds on hand with which to redeem all outstanding state warrants endorsed by me "presented and not paid for want of funds" between the dates of October 8, 1895 and the date of this notice, with the exception of warrants drawn on the swamp land fund, and that all such warrants, properly endorsed, will be paid upon presentation at this office, interest thereon ceasing from and after, the date of this notice.

PHIL METSCHAN, State Treasurer.

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To Water Consumers.

The irrigation season will commence June 1, and continue during the four months of June, July, August and September. All bills due and payable July 1. Anyone not satisfied with last year's rating will please leave word at the office and their lots will be remeasured. Irrigation hours from 6 to 8 a.m. and from 5 to 9 p.m.

SALEM WATER CO.

A. L. BROWN, Supt.

Call for Warrants.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, MARION COUNTY.

Notice is hereby given that I have funds on hand to pay all warrants issued, up to July 1, 1895, and interest on the same will stop from date of this notice.

JAP MINTO, County Treasurer.

Dated June 8, 1896. 6 d 2 w

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